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## MISSISSIPPI STATE NEWS

Carthage.—The board of supervisors has awarded contracts for two links of the cross-country highway project.

Meridian.—John Anderson, negro laborer, dropped dead from heart failure while shoveling coal into a cellar.

Crystal Springs.—Truck farmers are busily engaged at this time in building their cabbage frames and getting ready for next year's vegetable crop.

Greenwood.—Chancellor G. Edward Williams was forced to leave court and return to his home at Shaw because of being ill.

Carthage.—Only two names will go on tickets for the special election for circuit judge. Frank F. Mize of Forest has withdrawn, leaving the race to J. D. Carr of Newton and Roger Wilson of Philadelphia.

Greenwood.—Another steamboat load of cotton has arrived in Greenwood from Yazoo City to be stored in the local bonded warehouses. There were about 300 bales in the shipment and it was consigned to the Staple Cotton Co-operative association.

Coldwater.—Cotton on the local market has dropped to 19 cents, a decline of \$10 a bale from the peak price. Seed has also declined from \$37 to \$32 a ton. There is a falling off in ginning, which indicates that the biggest rush of cotton to the market is over.

Drew.—Dr. Webb Brame, the popular pastor of the Drew Baptist church, has left for Belmont to conduct a series of revival services for 10 days in a big tent erected for the meeting at Belmont. Rev. Pope, of the local Baptist church, will fill the pulpit during Dr. Brame's absence.

Coldwater.—Preparations are under way for colored trade day, which will be held here. The last event of the kind drew an immense crowd, and an even larger attendance is expected this time. Dr. Sutton E. Griggs, a well known Memphis orator, will address the crowd.

Coldwater.—Farmers around here are turning their attention to raising Angora goats and the industry bids fair to assume considerable proportions. At least a dozen farmers already have small herds, and others are purchasing breeding stock. The flesh from these animals commands top prices on the local market.

Starkville.—A young negro check froger is in the Hotel de Hastings charged with being too free with the signatures of some of his own color and his victim or loser is a respectable white man named W. W. Boone, who operates a small mercantile establishment in the southeastern part of the county.

Carthage.—George Howell, who was shot through the neck and shoulders in a difficulty which took place in the Renfro community several days ago, and who was in a very precarious condition for several days, is on the road to recovery and will get well. In the difficulty in which George was wounded his brother, Ernest, was killed and three Thomas boys, William, Reuben and Eugene, charged with the killing, are now in the county jail.

Hazlehurst.—The dairy industry for Copiah is not only carried on from a large skimming station here and at Wesson and other railroad towns, but it has now invaded the precincts of the rural districts. Union Church, a rural community, with a progressive class of people, has installed a milk station there, the Brookhaven Creamery company being the financiers of the new project.

Fernwood.—The honor of being the first woman to cast her vote in this county belongs to Miss Beulah Youngblood of McComb, who with a number of other ladies participated in the school bond election recently, which resulted in a record-breaking majority for the issuance of \$80,000 in municipal bonds to provide a new school building in East McComb and a school athletic field.

Greenwood.—The white public school buildings at Sidon, eight miles south of here, burned. The fire started from a defective flue and both buildings, a one-story and a two-story frame building, were destroyed. About \$1,500 insurance was carried on the buildings. The buildings were old ones and plans were already under way for the construction of a modern consolidated school at this place. A number of school children lost their books and only a few desks were saved. The session had just gotten good headway and the loss of the buildings will be quite an inconvenience to the patrons of the school.

Coldwater.—The recent outbreak of diphtheria, which threatened to become very serious in the county, now seems to have subsided.

Biloxi.—With a capital stock of \$100,000, the Gulf Coast Warehouse corporation has been formed in this city by prominent Biloxians.

Jackson.—Hon. W. J. Brown, deputy clerk of the supreme court, has announced the criminal docket to be called on Monday, Oct. 24.

Carthage.—An educational campaign is on in this county. Judge Ethridge and Prof. Ivy, accompanied by Superintendent Waggoner and other local speakers, are conducting the meetings.

Hattiesburg.—News from the home of Mayor T. E. Batson of this city is to the effect that he is making a slow but steady improvement from an illness covering several weeks, caused by a nervous breakdown.

Senatobia.—The cotton crop in Tate county is proving a surprise to many farmers. It looks like now that a 10,000-bale crop will be gathered. Gins are running on full time and 5,000 bales have already been ginned.

Mount Olive.—Miss Belle Kearney, candidate for the United States senate, spoke here to a large audience. She made a very favorable impression, many expressing themselves as believing she would make a good senator. This is her first appearance at this place.

Meridian.—An aged Indian basket-maker and peddler, John Smith, well known to many residents of the city and county, was held up and badly slashed with a pocket knife and robbed of \$22 by two unidentified negroes recently as he was crossing Sowahve bridge just beyond the city.

Clarksdale.—According to a letter which has just been received by President Oscar F. Bledsoe of Greenwood of the Staple Cotton Co-operative association, this organization is being "blamed" for the recent advance in the price of cotton, an advance which enabled the southern planters to "again get on their feet."

Crystal Springs.—The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Peete was celebrated when they entertained their children and grandchildren this week in honor of the event. Fully 50 automobiles were necessary to convey the relatives to the home. About 75 of the children and grandchildren were in attendance.

Jackson.—J. R. Howerton, member of the board of trustees of the A. & M. college, has entered a protest against the increased appropriation asked for by this institution from the next legislature. The appropriation made by the last legislature was \$939,564.72 and an increase of \$350,000 is asked from the coming session.

Brookhaven.—The Lincoln county board of supervisors, Messrs. H. M. Busby, R. P. Mullins, J. Q. Brister, J. L. Woodall and John Walker, were guests of honor at the Kiwanis luncheon at Hotel Inez. J. Q. Brister, president of the board; C. B. Perkins, Will Russell and Estus Smith, road commissioner, make talks.

Kosciusko.—The Rev. James H. Bell, Columbus, Miss., field agent for the superannuate endowment fund of the North Mississippi conference, is active in the effort launched by the board of finance to raise \$265,000 for the North Mississippi conference for the superannuate preachers and widows and orphans of deceased aged preachers.

Greenwood.—M. R. Smith, assistant entomologist of the state plant board, has just completed a survey of the Argentine ant in Greenwood. It shows that 98 blocks north of the Southern railway are infested and some parts south of the railroad. This pest under natural conditions extends its range at an average of 450 feet in every direction in the course of one year.

Blue Mountain.—The wild nut crop in this section of the county, it is said, has been materially cut down this year, which will mean a considerable loss to the farmers who utilize the wild nuts in fattening their hogs on the open pastures. In some of the communities, however, the nuts are still abundant, and in these sections the hogs are being allowed to range among the trees to get the nuts as they fall to the ground.

Hattiesburg.—Scottish Rite Masons in Hattiesburg and South Mississippi, who make up the local organization of the rite in this section, are working hard to make the coming reunion a big success, as it will celebrate the anniversary of the bodies in Hattiesburg. According to Travis H. Boykin, the bodies have acquired more than \$12,000 worth of paraphernalia with which to put on the degrees and are taking steps to become more permanently established here.

## LONDON THROGS ACCLAIM PERSHING

PEOPLE MAKE UP FOR OFFICIAL FORGETFULNESS—CROWDS JAM THE STREETS.

### TO TAKE PART IN CEREMONY

General's Composite Battalion From Coblenz Is Feted—Medal of Honor Will Be Laid on Unknown Hero's Tomb.

London.—Gen. Pershing, who comes to London to take part in the ceremonies attending the laying of the congressional medal on the tomb of Britain's "unknown soldier," arrived here from Paris. He was met at Victoria Station by a distinguished reception committee from the various government departments. The general was the first of the party of step off the train and was greeted by Sir Laming Worthington Evans, secretary for war, who introduced him to the others while hundreds of onlookers who had streamed in through the gates applauded.

Among those who shook hands with the American chief of staff were Lord Lee of Fareham, first lord of the admiralty; Lieut. Gen. Sir Travers Clarke, army quartermaster general; Admiral Sir Henry Oliver, second sea lord, and Sir Herbert Creedy, secretary of the war office. Accompanying the party was Field Marshal Sir Henry H. Wilson, chief of the British staff, who had been in Paris on official business.

### GEDDES WILL LAY WREATH.

British Ambassador to Enact South African Tribute.

London.—Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador to the United States, will lay the wreath of South African flowers upon the tomb of America's unknown warrior. Arrangements have been made by the government of the Union of South Africa for Sir Auckland to act on behalf of Premier J. C. Smuts and the people of his commonwealth.

### Wife Is Anarchist.

New York.—Justice Finch refused to grant naturalization papers to S. M. Maier, a Russian, because of his wife's anarchistic tendencies.

### Wirth Takes Risky Step.

Berlin.—Chancellor Wirth, being a bachelor, has just exposed himself to the hostility of all voting German women in deciding in his functions as finance minister as well as chancellor, that women's hats are to be defined as luxuries and to be taxed as such. Also he placed artificial flowers on the list, and even paper mats bearing mottoes, which every German loves to have under his glass of lager in German beer gardens.

### Tablet to A. E. F. Horses

Washington.—A bronze tablet commemorating the services of the 243, 135 horses and mules attached to the American forces during the war, 68, 682 of which perished, has been unveiled in the State, War and Navy building.

### Schooner Limp Intd Port.

Newport News, Va.—The American schooner Percy R. Pyno, second, limped into port as a result of rudder trouble and went to the shipyard for repairs. She was barely able to make port, members of the crew said.

### Bags Not Well Emptied.

Washington.—An explanation of why in many cases "that letter never came" is believed by Postmaster General Hayes to have been found in the revelation that an average of 70 pieces of mail is found daily in empty sacks and pouches sent to the mail bag repair shop in Washington.

### Universals to Meet.

Detroit, Mich.—Social and political questions of national importance will be discussed here during the annual convention of the Universalist General Convention. More than 500 delegates, members of the clergy and laity are expected from the United States and Canada.

### Muskrat, Not Kitten.

Concord, N. H.—Frank Henry of this city is suffering a badly lacerated finger from being bitten by a muskrat which he attempted to pick up, thinking it was a kitten. The animal made its escape from the Eagle garage and was the cause of much excitement on the streets, where a large crowd gathered after chasing the animal around the stage house yard.

## FEW STAY WHO CAN GET AWAY

RICH AND POOR ALIKE DESERTING COUNTRY—CONDITIONS ARE TOO HARD.

### WONDER WHERE ARE FROM

Former Wealthy Classes Generally Making Constantinople Their Goal. Meeting Surprisingly Slight Hindrance.

Batum.—Entrance into Russia by way of the Black Sea may be compared to a visit to a dreaded battle front. There's lot of fear of death and destruction, but somehow one does not find them. These elements to uneasy sleep seem to lurk always just a little farther along.

Fear of Russia should not be based on fear of violence, of badly hurt, so much as to the discomfort of living in a land where social and economic conditions are very hard. Money is hard to earn. Dock laborers at Batum, when they work, may earn 8,000 rubles, or eight cents, per day, and this is the price of two pounds of bread.

After all the stories of revolutions and counter revolutions the murders and whatnot, one is distinctly surprised to find people going about as usual. There seem to be more people than ever before. They swarm about the cities, the train stations in the country, thick as ants.

### White Squirrel Killed.

New Philadelphia.—A white squirrel was shot and killed by C. E. Van Lehn, in the vicinity of Watson creek. The animal was milk white.

### Wants Her Ring.

Fairfax, Wash.—A reclamation project designed to salvage one diamond ring from the bottom of Carbon river, near here, has been started by Mrs. A. C. Holloway. Mrs. Holloway is building a dam across the river and will divert the stream from its source in order that the workmen may search the bottom when it dries for a ring that she lost several days ago, and which is valued at \$200.

### Judge McClain Is Dead.

Newport, Ark.—Judge William D. McClain, aged 62 years, died at his home in this city from a long illness of cancer. He was born at Walnut Ridge, this state, in 1859. He lived at Newport for 35 years and was one of the city's wealthiest citizens. He served the county for four years as county judge.

### Never Too Old to Wed.

New York.—Mrs. Francisco Lavapreato, who celebrated her one hundredth birthday Oct. 4, in her home on Staten Island, has received by mail a proposal of marriage from F. Lindsey of Baltimore, aged 103. "A woman is never too old to get married," said Mrs. Lavapreato, but she has not reached a decision on the proposal.

### Honeymoon on Schooner.

Bowling Green, O.—Citizens here had opportunity to see a regular western frontier "prairie schooner" one day recently when Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hopkins en route to Pennsylvania from Powder River, Mont., camped at the edge of Bowling Green. The couple chose this way of travel to cut expenses of their honeymoon and get closer to nature.

### GRAIN EMBARGO PENDING.

Accumulation at New Orleans Taxes Facilities.

New Orleans.—The accumulation of grain at New Orleans has been such that notice of an impending embargo to this port was sent out from the car service commission of the American Railway Association at Washington to local traffic interests and grain exporters. In the last week the increased numbers of cars on the tracks has been more than 1,500 over the preceding week.

There are 3,319 cars of grain in the elevators amounting to approximately 4,500,000 bushels and 1,621 cars on the railroad tracks totaling more than 2,000,000 bushels. Unloadings, according to the notice from the car service commission, are averaging about one-third of the receipts.

### Federate Textile Trade.

New York.—The provisional constitution of the proposed federation of textile unions was indorsed by delegates to the annual convention of the Amalgamated Textile Workers of America.

## CHICAGO SUIT IS DISMISSED

FREEDOM OF SPEECH UPHELD BY JUDGE FISHER—RIGHT TO AMEND DENIED.

### GREAT VICTORY FOR PAPERS

Mayor Thompson's Effort to Knock Out Two Strong Papers Declared to Be Without Adequate Basis By Chicago Judge.

Chicago.—Judge Harry Fisher sustained the demurrer of the Chicago Tribune to the ten million dollar libel suit brought by the city of Chicago. He declared the city had no cause for action and denied it the right to amend the petition.

The city brought identical suits against the Tribune and the Daily News, claiming the papers had printed false statements regarding Chicago's financial standing and thereby injured the city's credit.

Judge Fisher declared the portions of English common law and statutes which restricted the liberty to the press had not been inherited by this country. "This action," he said, "is not in harmony with the genius, spirit and objects of our institutions."

The decision was of far-reaching importance to newspapers as the suit was the first on record in which a municipality sought to restrict the right to criticize its corporate acts.

### DENIES "FIXED" EVIDENCE.

Hearing Into Industrial School Conditions Resumed.

Gatesville, Texas.—Flat denial that he had made overtures to boy inmates regarding their testimony to be given before the board of control now inquiring into conditions at the state juvenile training school was made by C. E. King, superintendent of the school, when the hearing was resumed. He also testified he repeatedly had watched H. G. Twyman, former drill-master, and other employees at the institution, and that he had never seen any objectionable punishment administered to boys.

### Pet Eagles Killed Chickens.

McClusky, N. D.—Nick Schroeder had heard of farmers raising wild ducks and geese, so when he captured three young prairie eagles near his farm he decided to experiment. At first the eagles roosted with the chickens at night and took their rations in the henyard. One morning recently, however, the eagles began to devour the chickens. Schroeder then went after the eagles with a club and killed them.

### Big Corn Grown.

Hayti, S. D.—William Williams has just brought an ear of corn to Hayti which measured about 13 inches long and was of good size.

### Avoid Mountain Schools.

Sacramento, Cal.—Despite the fact that 3,000 eastern teachers have applied for positions in California this year, there are scores of schools in rural districts that are closed for want of teachers, according to the state department of education. The majority of the teachers refuse to go into the mountainous districts and consequently there are thousands of idle teachers in the state at the same time that hundreds of children are going without educational advantages for want of teachers.

### Sweden Will Use Reserve.

Stockholm.—The so-called "small credit" of 15,000,000 crowns, which, as provided by the constitution, is kept in reserve for special emergencies, will be utilized to meet the demand due to the growth of unemployment, according to Hermann Lindquist, minister of the interior, and minister of social welfare in the new Branting cabinet.

### DISCOVER HUGE CAVE.

Western Woodmen Found the Opening in a Secluded Spot.

Dungeness, Wash.—Woodsmen report the discovery of a mammoth cave, which may be a world beater, in a secluded section of the Olympic mountains.

The mouth, or opening, resembles a gigantic tunnel 60 feet in diameter. The men climbed over the rocks and waded through fine dust for 1,000 feet, when the opening narrowed to the size of a door. Beyond this the cave spread out into big rooms with high ceilings. These rooms contained bats, a feathered bird of some unknown species and lizards.

## WOOD BECOMES ISLAND GOVERNOR

PLEDGES HONEST, EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT IN INAUGURAL. MUST MAKE PROGRESS.

### SOON TO MAKE ADDRESS

Demands Independent Judiciary, Advocates Equal Opportunities for Women—Indicts Health Conditions as Bad.

Manila, P. I.—Leonard Wood is now governor of the Philippines. He was sworn immediately on his arrival from Japan and took up the duties of his new office.

Honesty, morality, economy, efficiency, progress and government of the people by their representatives to the extent provided in the Jones bill, were the keywords of Governor General Wood's inaugural address.

"It is my purpose," he said, "so far as it lies in my power, so to conduct the government that it will be characterized by economy, efficiency and true progress; government of the people by their representatives to the extent provided in the Jones bill; government characterized by honesty and morality and appreciation of the fact that public office is public trust; that fitness is an absolute requirement for appointment to office."

### Ignorance Saved Him.

Wichita, Kan.—Because he thought the heart is on the right side of the breast, William Joy is alive today. He stabbed himself in the right breast, inflicting a deep wound, which probably would have been fatal on the left side. Joy stabbed himself because of grief over his failure to win the affection of Helen Hudson.

### Cuban Cabinet Quits.

Santiago.—The cabinet of Premier Hector Arancibia Lazo has resigned. The ministry was formed on August 14, last.

### High School High Life.

Chicago.—High school girls of Hyde Park giggled, laughed, powdered their noses and "vamped" the detectives as they narrated about eight boys, also students in Hyde Park, one of the largest public schools in a fashionable district, of stealing more than \$100,000 worth of automobiles in order to treat them to joy rides and, incidentally, to provide funds for bonbons, furs, costly perfumes and other articles. The boys did not undertake to sell the cars. They are alleged to have looted them of spare tires, of rugs, cut glass ornaments and other accessories, which they sold.

### ASSAULTED BY JACKIES.

French Naval Lieutenant Charges Wanton Attack by U. S. Sailors.

Cherbourg.—Four American sailors assaulted and badly injured Lieut. Com. Blazer of the French navy here, according to a complaint made by the French officer to the local police and to the American naval authorities.

Lieut. Com. Blazer says he was walking peacefully along the main street when four bluejackets, believed by him to belong to the cruiser Utah or the destroyer Sands, bumped into him. When he protested the Americans, ignoring his uniform, knocked him down, bruised his eye and tore his lip, he says. The assailants fled upon the approach of a policeman.

### FOCH TO VISIT NEW ORLEANS.

French Societies Plan Reception for Marshal.

New Orleans, La.—Assurance that Marshal Foch will visit New Orleans on his tour of the United States and the announcement that he never intended omitting the old French city of America from his itinerary, set the leaders of the various French societies of the city to laying plans for co-operating with the state and municipal authorities and the American Legion in the entertainment of the man who was in command of the allied forces when Germany was finally beaten. At the same time, French societies seek to have Premier Briand come to New Orleans for at least a day following the disarmament conference at Washington.

### Fought; Buried Together.

Nollesville, Ind.—Cecil Pickard and Walter Bubanks, two world war veterans, were buried with military honors in the northwestern part of Hamilton county, the services being in charge of the American Legion posts of Sheridan and Tipton.